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Serial No.: 09/972,541

Examiner: Michael C. Maskulinski

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Group Art Unit: 2113

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DISTRIBUTED FAULT MANAGEMENT POLICIES  
IN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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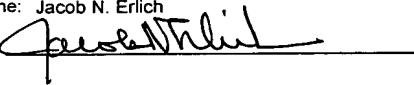
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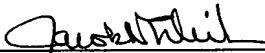
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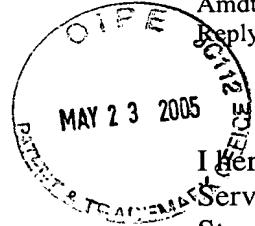
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### REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2005, rejecting pending claims 1-17 and 19-25 in the above-mentioned application, please enter this amendment since it places the application in form for immediate allowance or, in the alternative, in condition for appeal:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

It should be noted that this response/amendment due date falls on a Sunday, May 22, 2005. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), this response/amendment, being mailed via express mail on Monday, May 23, 2005, is timely filed during the shortened statutory period that expires two months from March 22, 2005, the mailing date final Office Action.